(b) whether it is a fact that BSF deployment on Indo-Bangladesh border is very thin compared to the international border on the Western Sector; and

(c) whether Government are planning to deploy additional battalions of BSF to stop cross border terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Government of Tripura has been requesting for deployment of additional battalions on the Indo-Bangladesh border.

(b) It is a fact that intensity of deployment of BSF on Indo-Bangladesh border is lower as compared to the Western Sector.

(c) Two addional battalions of BSF have been deployed in Tripura during the current financial year.

Formation of Joint Action Groups of police

2796. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATRAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suggested to the States facing the problem of left wing extremism to form Joint Action Groups of police so that anti naxalite drive could be carried out effectively along the border of the concerned States;

(b) if so, the response of the State on this suggestion; and

(c) the names of the States which have been asked to join in this venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A Coordinated Action Group has been formed among the affected States for coordinating action against extremists. Police officers of seriously affected States *viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa as well as representatives of Central Organisations, are its members.